Parcel Fee Public Hearings Agenda

Call to Order

- Sign-in Sheet
- Introductions
- Presentation
 - Background Information of the Auglaize County Solid Waste District
 - 15 Year Plan/5 Year Update
 - 343.08 of the Ohio Revised Code—the Parcel Fee
 - Visual Explanations of Assessable and Non-assessable parcels
- Public Input/Question & Answer
- Adjourn

This hearing is being held to consider the adoption of a per parcel charge for the solid waste management services of the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District (the "District") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 343.08. The proposed charge is \$20.00 per improved parcel per year and all improved parcels in the district will receive one charge. An "improved parcel" is a parcel of land that is improved, with at least one permanent, portable, or temporary building. Such charges will be certified to the County Auditor and will be collected in the same manner as other taxes.

Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District

Solid Waste Management District's Board of Directors

Doug Spencer Don Regula John Bergman

Solid Waste Management District Coordinator

Dave Reichelderfer

Solid Waste Management District

Formation

- The District is a single county district, composed solely of Auglaize County.
- The District was formed in accordance with Section 343.01, Div.(A) and 3734.52, Div(5) of the Ohio Revised Code which required the Board of County Commissioners of each county, prior to March 24, 1989, to establish, by resolution, and maintain a county solid waste management district that consists of all the incorporated and unincorporated territory within the county.
- The District was formed by resolution on February 23, 1989.
- The District is not part of the county general revenue fund as it is a special revenue fund.

15 Year Plan—5 Year Update

- Ohio law requires solid waste districts to periodically update the District's solid waste management plan.
- In the District's last plan, the St. Marys landfill was designated as the only facility to which solid waste from the District could be taken.
 - When the St. Marys Landfill closed, the District did not designate any solid waste facilities to receive District waste.
 - At the present time, the District has not designated any facilities to which District waste must be taken. However, the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors reserve the right to designate a facility or facilities.

- Financing of Plan
 - The District collects a generation fee in accordance with Section 3734.573 of the Ohio Revised Code. The generation fee is paid on each ton of waste delivered to an Ohio transfer facility or an Ohio landfill.
 - The District is currently collecting a generation fee of \$9.00 per ton.
 - The District will continue to collect the \$9.00 per ton generation fee as provided in the Plan, and obtain ratification of modified generation fees as appropriate under the Plan.
 - The District's plan called for an increase of the generation fee to \$10.00 per ton on January 1, 2005, \$11.00 per ton on January 1, 2009, and \$12.00 per ton on January 1, 2015. Each of these increases, if necessary, will be ratified before the fee can go into effect. The increases were never executed as the plan called for and there is no plan to increase the generation fees.

In addition to revenue from the generation fee, the District receives revenue from the sale of the recyclable material that is processed at the materials recovery facility(MRF) and has historically received grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

- Budget/Expenses
 - Due to the October 3, 2007 Ohio Supreme Court ruling against Auglaize County, the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District has incurred \$2,066,800 in expense to pay back the City of St. Marys.
 - Also, the Court ruled that the County is responsible for paying annual monitoring costs of the landfill.
 Those costs are expected to be \$105,000 for 2009.
 - At the minimum, the District will be responsible for monitoring costs for 26 years, and quite possibly into perpetuity.
 - Finally, during the course of litigation, the District had to borrow funds from the general revenue fund to pay for attorney fees. Since 2007, the District has been paying back \$40,000 annually to repay the borrowed amount from the general revenue fund.

- Budget/Revenue
 - The Ohio EPA mandates that a 15 year budget be prepared for the District that must be in the positive throughout the entire 15 year plan.
 - Without creating an additional revenue stream, the budget is anticipated to be running in the negative by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2009.
 - This is solely due to the debt repayment and monitoring costs.

- Section A of 343.08 of the Ohio Revised Code provides:
 - The board of county commissioners of a county solid waste management district and the board of directors of a joint solid waste management district may fix reasonable rates or charges to be paid by every person, municipal corporation, township, or other political subdivision that owns premises to which solid waste collection, storage, transfer, disposal, recycling, processing, or resource recovery service is provided by the district and may change the rates or charges whenever it considers advisable.

Charges for collection, storage, transer, disposal, recycling, processing, or resource recovery service shall be made only against lots or parcels that are improved, or in the process of being improved, with at least one permanent, portable, or temporary building.

- Section (A) (2) of 343.08 of the Ohio Revised Code states:
 - Certifying the rates or charges to the county auditor of the county where the lots or parcels are located, who shall place them on the real property duplicate against the lots or parcels. The rates are a lien on the property from the date they are placed upon the real property duplicate by the auditor and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes.

Procedure

- Section C of 343.08 states:
 - A board of county commissioners or directors shall fix rates or charges, or enter into contracts the rates or charges to be collected by the contractor, for solid waste collection, storage, transfer, disposal, recycling, processing, or resource recovery services held in accordance with section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

- Section C also states:
 - In addition to fulfilling the requirements of section 121.22 of the Revised Code, the board, before fixing or charging rates or charges for solid waste collection, storage, transfer, disposal, recycling, processing, or resource recovery services, or before entering into a contract that fixes rates or charges to be collected by the contractor providing the services, shall hold at least three public hearings on the proposed rates, charges, or contract.

- Prior to the first public hearing, the board shall publish notice of the public hearings once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties that would be affected by the proposed rates, charges, or contract.
- The notice shall include a listing of the proposed rates or charges to be fixed and collected by the board or fixed pursuant to the contract and collected by the contractor, and the dates, time, and place of each of the three hearings thereon.
 - The legal notices were published in both the Wapakoneta Daily News and The Evening Leader on the following dates: March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th, 2009.
- The board shall hear any person who wishes to testify on the proposed rates, charges, or contract.

- On Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 1:50 to 2:30 pm in the Commissioners' Chambers with Dave Reichelderfer in attendance, the board discussed the improved parcel fee. Commissioner Bergman motioned to propose to charge \$20 on all residential and agricultural dwellings as well as all commercial, industrial, and exempt buildings, as they are most likely to produce solid waste and recyclable materials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Regula. The motion passed unanimously.
- On Thursday, March 26, 2009, the BOCC passed resolution #09-115 setting hearings for the consideration of adopting a per parcel charge for the services of the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District.

What This Proposed Fee Is NOT:

- This fee is not for general fund purposes.
 - Portions of this fee will enable the District to repay over 15 years the money that the general fund loaned to the District for attorney fees and St. Marys repayment.
- This fee is not for other special revenue funds, such as dog warden or Auglaize Acres.
- This fee is not assessed every time a home improvement is made.
- This fee is not assessed on every structure that a landowner has on one parcel.
- This fee does not apply to renovations made to dwellings or buildings.

What This Proposed Fee Is:

- Twenty dollars annually on all residential and agricultural dwellings, commercial, industrial, and exempt buildings.
- This fee will provide anticipated revenue of \$370,000 annually for the District.
- Revenue to repay debt to the general fund and to pay the monitoring costs of the landfill.

Residential Dwelling



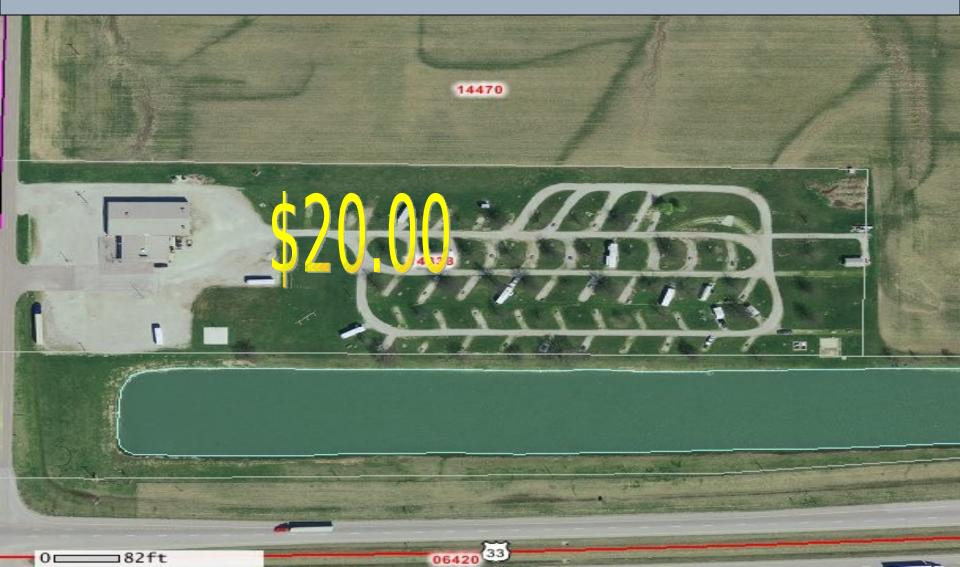
Agricultural Dwelling/Multiple Agricultural Buildings



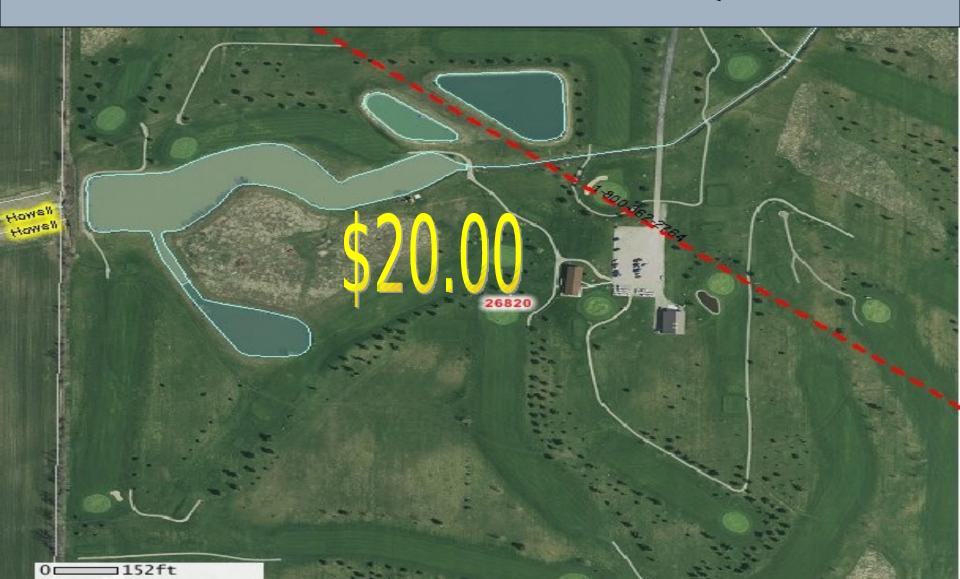
Agricultural Building



Commercia



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Administration Building



Courthouse



Commercial Buildings



Fire Department



Church



Industrial Building



Parcels with No Improvements



Single Home on Two Parcels



Single Home on Two Parcels



Bare Ground/Cemetery



School



Township House

